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(ee) *Tribal Work Experience Program (TWEP)* means a program operated by tribal contract which provides eligible participants with work experience and training that promotes and preserves work habits and develops work skills.

(ff) *Recipient* means an individual to whom or for whom a BIA general assistance payment is made for the month.

(gg) *Case* includes all individuals in the household as defined in §20.1(dd) whose needs are included in the BIA general assistance payment made for the month.

(25 U.S.C. 2 and 9)

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§20.2 Purpose.

The regulations in this part govern the provision of general assistance, child welfare assistance, miscellaneous assistance and family and community services to eligible Indians.

§20.3 Policy.

When assistance or services are not available or not being provided by state, local, or other agencies, general assistance, child welfare assistance, miscellaneous assistance and family and community services shall be provided for eligible Indians by the Bureau in a manner designed to promote personal and family unity and economic and social stability, working toward attainment of self-sufficiency.

§20.4 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in §§20.10, 20.11, 20.22, 20.23, and 20.24 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1076-0017. The information is collected to determine applicant eligibility for services. The information will be used to determine eligibility and to insure uniformity of services. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

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Subpart B—Administrative Procedures

§20.10 Application for assistance or services.

(a) Written or oral applications by or on behalf of any individual or group will be accepted for assistance or services under this part. In addition to applications from persons desiring assistance or services, referrals will be accepted directly from relatives, interested individuals, social welfare agencies, law enforcement agencies, courts and others.

(b) Applications for assistance or services under this part shall be made to the Superintendent or an official representative. All applications for assistance shall ultimately be reduced to a written form. However, a written statement by an appropriate representative of the Bureau social services program as to why protective social services under §20.24(b)(2) were provided may be accepted in lieu of a written application.

§20.11 Securing information.

(a) The applicant will be the primary source of information regarding his circumstances for the purpose of determining eligibility and need. If it is necessary to secure information from other sources, the applicant will be asked to authorize the release of information. The applicant will be informed, in advance, of the kinds of information needed, the source to be used, and that the information obtained will be used only in connection with the application for assistance or services under this part or as otherwise required by law.

(b) Recipients shall be required to make timely and accurate reports of any change in circumstances which may affect their eligibility or the amount of financial assistance.

§20.12 Decision.

(a) Action on an application for assistance shall consist of the following:

(1) The application shall be approved if the applicant meets the appropriate eligibility criteria set forth in subpart C of this part for the type of assistance